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SUBJECT: UNESCO-CSCE: US POSITION ON UNESCO AND
HELSINKI ACT FOLLOW-UP

REF: (A) STATE 230839; (B) DEPARTMENT CONTINGENCY
PAPER OF SEPTEMBER 12 ON CSCE FINAL ACT: AND
(C) PARIS 24876

1. REFTTEL A ADVISED PERMDEL THAT THERE WAS AN
"INTENTIONAL" LIMITATION OF UNESCO'S ROLE IN CSCE FINAL
ACT FOLLOW-UP TO "EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL COOPERATION" AND THAT UNESCO ROLE "FORESEEN
ONLY" UNDER FINAL ACT SECTIONS BEARING THESE TITLES.

2. HOWEVER, REFERENCED CONTINGENCY PAPER -- ON BASIS
OF WHICH PERMDEL AT UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS ALREADY
OUTLINED US VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE OF FREE-FLOW ISSUES --
SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT IF UNESCO SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS
DEAL "INSUFFICIENTLY WITH CSCE PROVISIONS ON THE FREER
FLOW OF INFORMATION ASPECTS OF CSCE," US MAY (A) NOTE
INADEQUATE TREATMENT OF THIS ASPECT, (B) POINT OUT IM-
PORTANCE ATTACHED BY US TO THIS ASPECT OF CSCE COMMIT-
MENTS, AND (C) URGE SECRETARIAT TO GIVE "APPROPRIATE
ATTENTION TO THE FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION IN ALL
AREAS INDICATED IN THE FINAL ACT." FURTHER, SAME
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POSITION PAPER STATES US PERMDEL MAY SEEK "SUPPORT OF

OTHER DELEGATIONS IN URGING THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO THE FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION ASPECTS OF CSCE." PERMDEL WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CLARIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION OF THIS APPARENTLY CONTRADICTORY GUIDANCE. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, FREE FLOW PROGRAM ACTIVITIES COME DIRECTLY UNDER UNESCO'S COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR. IF STRICT LITERAL INTERPRETATION OF UNESCO ROLE, AS SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM, IS TO BE APPLIED, THEN PERMDEL WOULD PROPOSE THAT FREE FLOW THEMES BE INCLUDED IN US PROPOSALS UNDER LABEL OF "CULTURAL COOPERATION."

3. PERMDEL WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST ON PERMDEL'S FREE FLOW PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN REFTEL (C) AND OTHER CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR UNESCO FOLLOW-UP TO CSCE FINAL ACT THAT DEPARTMENT HAS FORMULATED.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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